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WARTIME FOOD BULLETIN

Fort Worth, Texas
June 3, 1943

Carloads of California cantaloups are arriving in Fort Worth, the seasons first in very large quantities, and the quality is fine. With planted acres of all melons greatly reduced this year the prices will no doubt remain higher than usual throughout the season. California cherries are also available but to date only express shipments have arrived here. It is too early to tell just how large our supplies of any fruits will be this year.

Apples are nearing the end of their storage season but it will not be too long until summer varieties will start coming in from various places and no doubt we will have apples most every day of the year.

Home grown vegetables keep coming in larger quantities and the supply is now in fine shape along with fine quality and reasonable prices make a good combination in any market. Locally produced squash is very plentiful and is perhaps one of the weeks best buys. Both the small yellow and white varieties are in abundance. It is hard to believe that squash was selling last winter for exactly 12 times more money than it is today ---- the answer--- supply and demand. Squash is a good nutritional food and is fine for canning. It might be a wise plan to take advantage of them while they are low priced and plentiful.

A few home grown peaches made an appearance the first of the week on the local market. They are the small red cheeked kind known as Mayflowers, good quality and prices a shade higher than usual.

Potatoes are still coming in large enough quantities to keep the demand well supplied. The Farmersville onion district are starting to harvest and ship their crop and being only a few miles from Fort Worth, Dallas and a few other good markets we should have a good supply of them for sometime. The writer made a tour of that section the other day and viewed some mighty large and fine looking fields.

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Fort Worth, June 10 --(USDA)--

According to Paul R. LeGer, Federal Food Reporter for the U. S. Dep't. of Agriculture the seasons first fresh Plums arrived on the Fort Worth market this week and were of fine quality. The shipment was from California. Peaches are not too plentiful yet but are gradually increasing in quantity. These two commodities remind us that the real canning season is just around the corner.

Green Beans and Squash, a couple of last winters high priced food items, are now the outstanding best buy of the week, being low enough in price to justify canning them in large quantities. Locally grown and fine flavored. Home grown tomatoes are also on the market along with numerous other home grown vegetables. A good many cucumbers are coming in from near-by farms, mostly the larger slicing kind although some of the smaller picklers are offered. Prices of cucumbers have remained moderate so far.

With a few home grown vegetables playing out we are again seeing a few commodities from other states farther north and west. Colorado spinach arrived about the middle of the week and was of good quality and reasonably priced.

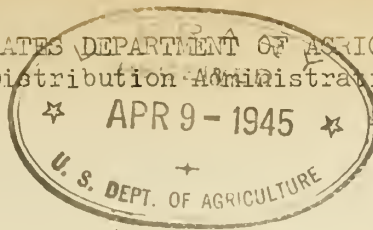
Onions, both Yellow Bernudas and Crystal White Wax from the Farmersville-Garland area are keeping the local demand fairly well supplied at ceiling prices. With no interference from the weather this crop should be harvested and shipped by the end of the month.

There is no excess of potatoes but there are plenty to go around. Home grown Red Bliss Triumphs and some from Louisiana are on the market as well as White Rose spuds from California. Prices have remained about steady for the past several days.

Strawberries are about a thing of the past although a few "Missourians" are still trickling into the market. Some locally grown blackberries are available.

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Fort Worth, Texas
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The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Market rather resembled the "Horn of Plenty" this week, bins piled high with numerous home grown vegetables and some from other states, some fruits, making a multi-colored picture of wholesome goodness in the form of luscious vitamin filled farm products fresh from the gardens. Paul R. LoGer, Federal Food Reporter, who furnishes this information counted exactly 29 home grown vegetables on the market one morning this week in addition to 20 other and different vegetables and fruits from other states and districts.

LoGer says there are so many good buys it is difficult to point out any single one as a "best buy". Home grown cucumbers, green beans, squash, greens, root crops and others are plentiful, fine quality and reasonably priced. Tomatoes are fine and a good many are offered but are in the higher priced bracket for the time being at least. Plenty of good home grown roasting ears. So. Texas cantaloups are coming in fair sized quantities, good quality, thick meat, wonderful flavor, reasonably priced. Black Diamond watermelons. Fresh Lima Beans are also offered. This is a fine opportunity for home canners.

In shopping for ripe cantaloups choose those with a full slip stem and showing yellow or yellowing color.

The season's first California grapes arrived this week, Thompson Seedless, fine quality, sweet, but a little high priced. Nevertheless they are here at last and this of course is an indication more will follow and in large enough quantities to supply the demand and no doubt will be lower priced later on in the season. Also a larger selection of varieties will be available soon.

If you plan to can Blackberries, better get them before it is too late.

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According to Paul R. LeGer, Federal Food Reporter and Inspector for the U. S. Dep't. of Agriculture, the fresh fruit and vegetable situation remains practically unchanged this week. Plenty of reasonably priced vegetables but still a few rather high priced. A good supply of Pineapples, ripening rather fast but from 25 to 50 percent higher priced than they were when they first came onto the market in much smaller quantities a few weeks ago. Watermelons have increased in supplies and declined in price. However there are practically no changes from last week of any importance.

We are just entering the real fruit season and official estimates show for 1943 there will be considerably less fruit than last year and less than the 10-year average. LeGer says Arkansas, according to reports will ship less than 1 million bushels of peaches as compared with 2 1/3 million bushels in 1942. Total peach crop in the United States is estimated at 45 million bushels this year, compared with 66 million bushels last season, or about 20 million bushels less than 1942. Similar declines are in prospect for fresh plums, cherries and pears. Late apples may be more or less plentiful later on in the season. Mr. LeGer calls attention to these figures to point out there will be no heavy movement of these popular fruits this year and housewives should plan their canning program accordingly and try to save as much as possible of all available wild berries, plums or any other fruit which they might have an opportunity to can from time to time.

We will have nearly all of the various fruits and vegetables on the markets as each comes into its respective season and no doubt we will always have a fair supply of vegetables, but we cannot expect any large supply of fruits, especially the deciduous fruits for this season.

